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Publications



Publications generally are sold by either the U.S. Census Bureau or the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office (GPO). The entries in this listing specify the correct form to use when ordering. For more details, see the "How to Order" section. Monthly and quarterly reports are available by subscription.

New printed reports are accessible at no charge through our electronic publications service on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/apsd/www/censtats.html>.

Economic

Current Business Reports

BR/97-4. *Monthly Retail Trade: Sales and Inventories, April 1997*. 28 pp. \$10. Use form 1.

New Census Catalog and Guide!



The Census Catalog and Guide: 1997 has just been published! The 348-page reference covers all Census Bureau products released from mid-1993 through 1996. It also features up-to-date lists of data centers, depository libraries, and Census Bureau data specialists. Other Federal statistical agencies are covered, too, with entries describing their data products and giving addresses and phone numbers.

Use the form on page 8 to order your copy from GPO for \$27. The stock number is 003-024-08824-0.

New products from the
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics
Administration
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

BW/97-5. Monthly Wholesale Trade: Sales and Inventories, May 1997. 4 pp. \$1.50. Use form 1.

CB/97. Advance Monthly Retail Sales, June 1997. 4 pp. \$1. Use form 1.

Current Construction Reports

C20/97-5. Housing Starts, May 1997. 20 pp. \$2. Cite list ID "CRHS" and month and year when ordering from GPO. Use form 3.

C21/97-Q1. New Residential Construction in Selected Metropolitan Areas, First Quarter 1997. 36 pp. \$10. Use form 1.

C22/97-5. Housing Completions, May 1997. 8 pp. \$1.50. Use form 1.

C25/97-5. New One-Family Houses Sold, May 1997. 8 pp. \$2. Use form 1.

C25/96-A. Characteristics of New Housing: 1996. 88 pp. \$6. Use form 1.

Current Foreign Trade Reports

FT 900/97-5. U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, May 1997. 46 pp. \$15. (Includes the FT 900 Supplement.) To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

FT 920/97-5. U.S. Merchandise Trade: Selected Highlights, May 1997. 38 pp. \$25. To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

FT 925/96-A. U.S. Merchandise Trade: Exports, General Imports, and Imports for Consumption, Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3, Country by Commodity: 1996 Annual. 154 pp. \$32. To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

Current Industrial Reports

MP/95. Manufacturing Profiles: 1995. 488 pp. \$10. Use form 2.

General and Reference

Census and You, Volume 32, No. 7. July 1997. 8 pp. \$2. Use form 1.

Census Questionnaire Content, 1990

CQC-17. We asked... You told us: Veterans. 2 pp. No charge. Use form 2.

Monthly Product Announcement (MPA), July 1997. 8 pp. No charge. Use form 2.

QFR/97-1. Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations, First Quarter 1997. 194 pp. \$10. Use form 2.

Housing

Current Housing Reports

H131/96-A. Characteristics of Apartments Completed: 1996. 16 pp. No charge. To order, contact Housing and Household Economic Statistics, telephone 301-763-8552.

International

International Programs Center Staff Papers

Order the following products from International Programs Center (IPC); fax 301-457-1539.

No. 87. Scientists and Engineers in South Korea: 1990. 40 pp. \$5.

No. 88. Scientists and Engineers in Sweden: 1990. 40 pp. \$5.

Population

Current Population Reports

P-20. Population Characteristics

493. Educational Attainment in the United States: March 1996 (Update). 2 pp. \$1. GPO S/N 803-005-00095-8. Use form 3.

495. Household and Family Characteristics: March 1996 (Update). 2 pp. \$1. GPO S/N 803-005-00097-4. Use form 3.



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This announcement lists all products issued in July 1997

For a free paper-copy subscription or if you have any questions about the products listed in this issue, write or call Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Phone 301-457-4100; TDD 301-457-4611; or fax 301-457-4714.

For a free E-mail subscription to MPA and other new product announcements, either (1) access our Internet Web site at <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/subscribe.html#SUB> and follow instructions, or (2) send an E-mail message to majordomo@census.gov including "subscribe product-announce" followed by your E-mail address.

To access Monthly Product Announcement on the Internet, the address is <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/mpa.html#MPA>.

Address questions and comments about MPA to Mary Kilbride at Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233; telephone 301-457-1173.



International Symposium on Linked Employer-Employee Data

May 21-22, 1998—

Washington, DC Area

call for papers

The Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Sloan Foundation are sponsoring a 2-day international conference on Linked Employer-Employee Data to be held on May 21-22, 1998, in Washington, DC.

Keynote speakers will include:

Katharine Abraham
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Borje Dernulf
Statistics Sweden

Wolfgang Franz
Center for European
Economic Research

Dan Hamermesh
University of Texas

Martha Farnsworth Riche
Bureau of the Census

Jules Theeuwes
University of Leiden

To have a paper considered for presentation, send your one-page abstract by October 15, 1997, to:

John Haltiwanger
Chief Economist
Bureau of the Census
Room 211-WP2
Washington, DC 20233

Phone: 301-457-1848
Fax: 301-457-1235
E-mail: eeconfer@census.gov

Abstracts should include a brief description of the paper, the presenter's name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and E-mail address, if available. Early submissions are encouraged.

Topics include:

- Research and policy issues
(e.g., labor economics, demography, industrial organization)
- International standardization of concepts and measures
- How to deal with access issues (including confidentiality)
- Possible ways of creating employer-employee matched data
- Types of clients served by linked data

Final papers will be due on April 15, 1998. A limited number of papers will be selected for inclusion in a special issue of *Labour Economics*.

All travel costs will be included for individuals presenting papers.

To obtain registration information, contact:

Carol McDaniel
Conference and Travel Management
Services Branch
Bureau of the Census
Washington, DC 20233

Phone: 301-457-2308
Fax: 301-457-3682

498. *The Black Population in the United States (Update)*. 2 pp. \$1. GPO S/N 803-005-00100-8. Use form 3.

Data Files

Data files recently released by the Census Bureau are listed below. They are sold by Customer Services (301-457-4100; TDD 301-457-4611) unless otherwise noted. Use form 2.

The cost of new files on computer tape generally is based on the file size, with the minimum charge being \$175. The files are offered on tape reels or tape cartridges.



Data files also are offered on CD-ROM. The price for a mass-produced CD-ROM, prepared for popular files, generally is \$150.

CD-ROMs also can be prepared on request for data files otherwise available only on tape reel or cartridge. The cost for such CDs is the same as the cost for the tape file. The CD files are ASCII copies in the same format as on tape, and they are not accompanied by software. Since the discs are specially prepared in response to customers' requests, orders take about 2 weeks. For further information about this service, contact Customer Services.

Files available on diskette ("floppies") for IBM and compatible microcomputers also are listed.

An ever increasing variety of data files and product information (including this publication) can be accessed via the Internet. (See "How to Order" section for more information.)

Technical documentation, included with each file order, also generally is available separately. The price varies.

Free *Data Developments* booklets provide brief descriptions of most files. They may be requested from Customer Services. Use form 2.

CD-ROM Discs

CD-CFFR-96. Consolidated Federal Funds Report: 1987-1996. \$150. Use form 2.

Microcomputer Diskettes

June 1997 and Historical Building Permits Data by State, Metropolitan Area, and Individual Permit-Issuing Places. Number of diskettes varies. For ordering information, contact Manufacturing and Construction Division, Residential Construction Branch, telephone 301-457-1321.

Technical Documentation

Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), 1987-1996 on CD-ROM Technical Documentation. 42 pp. \$10. Use form 2.

Online Data

Census Bureau reports and a growing number of data files are accessible online via the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>). For up-to-date information on new additions to our Web site, sign up for a free E-mail subscription to the Census I-Net Bulletin at <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/subscribe.html#SUB>. You also can sign up there for E-mail subscription to *Monthly Product Announcement* and *Census and You*.

Selected Abstracts



Annual Benchmark Report for Retail Trade: January 1987 Through December 1996 (A detailed summary of Retail Sales, Purchases,

Accounts Receivable, and Inventories) (BR/96-RV)

Data time span—1987 through 1996.

Geographic areas covered—U.S., regions, divisions, and selected states, metropolitan areas, and cities.

Subject content—This report provides benchmarks, based on data from annual surveys and new methods, which revise monthly estimates of sales and end-of-month inventories issued for 1993 through 1996. The report contains a variety of data on retail trade estimates including sales by retail stores for the nation and smaller areas, end-of-year and end-of-month inventories, and inventory/sales ratios. The report also shows annual purchases, gross margins, accounts receivable, and per capita sales.

The data are generally cross-classified by kind of business, distinguishing durable from nondurable goods; departments stores, leased or otherwise; and general merchandise, apparel, and furniture (GAF) stores that sell merchandise normally sold at department stores. Monthly retail sales for the Nation appear by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), up to four digits.

NOTE—The previous publication in this series was entitled *Combined Annual and Revised Monthly Retail Trade*.

140 pp. 1997. \$10. Use form 1.

Looking Ahead



The products listed in this section are among those now in preparation and likely to be available by the time you receive this

issue. We have included prices and stock numbers (S/Ns) for printed reports if this information has already been furnished by GPO.

Ordering information for all the products listed here will be

provided in future issues of MPA, or call 301-457-4100. Also, the Census Bureau's Internet site provides information for ordering these products as they become available. See the "How to Order" section for more information.

Publications

Current Housing Reports

H150/95RV. American Housing Survey for the United States in 1995 (Revised)

Current Foreign Trade Reports

FT 947/96-A. U.S. Exports and Imports by Harmonized Commodity, 1996 Annual

How to Order Publications

Most Census Bureau publications are available through one of three offices: the Census Bureau's Data Preparation Division (see order form 1), the Census Bureau's Customer Services (see form 2), or the Government Printing Office (see form 3). The new publication entries in this *Monthly Product Announcement* direct you to the right source by specifying the form to use or specifying another office as the source.



As the forms indicate, both Customer Services and the Government Printing Office (GPO) accept phone or fax orders when you charge to VISA, MasterCard, or a deposit account. GPO also accepts the Discover card. Both offer express service for off-the-shelf products for an extra charge when you order by phone.

Generally, if you order 100 copies or more of a publication sent to one address, you may take a 25-percent discount.

Computer Files

To order data files, use order form 2 or order by phone or fax, unless the entry gives other instructions.

Technical documentation accompanies each file, or it often may be ordered separately, using form 2.

Files on computer tape are offered on tape reels or tape cartridges. The tape cartridges are IBM 3480 compatible (operable with StorageTek 4780 tape subsystems and Digital Equipment Corporation VAX TA90 subsystems).

When mass-produced, files on CD-ROM also are listed in the "Data Files" section earlier in this publication. Customer Services offers priority service for off-the-shelf products for an extra \$25 fee when you order by phone or fax.

Other tape files can be produced on CD-ROM by special order for the price of the tape. See the discussion under "Data Files."

Some data files are available on diskettes for IBM and compatible microcomputers.

Internet Access

Many reports and data files are accessible, in whole or in part, through the Internet. You may reach our Internet site via these URLs:

World-Wide Web: <http://www.census.gov/>

FTP: [ftp ftp.census.gov](ftp://ftp.census.gov)

For information about our new CenStats electronic subscription service on the Internet, visit our site. The URL is <http://www.census.gov/apsd/www/censtats.html>.

The Census Bureau also offers on the Internet, at no charge, all printed reports issued beginning January 1996. The URL is <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/frames.html>.

For the latest online information about Census Bureau products and how to obtain them, try CenStore (<http://www.census.gov/mp/www/censtore.html>). If you have technical questions, you may E-mail them to webmaster@census.gov.

International Mailing Price Change

Effective October 1, 1997, Customer Services will increase its surcharge on international orders (including Canada and Mexico) to 33 percent. All international orders completed on forms 1 and 2 should reflect this increase.

For Further Information

Customer Services staff (301-457-4100; TDD: 301-457-4611) often can be of assistance. Staff at census regional offices also offer guidance and assistance to data users. They maintain a collection of Census Bureau reports that you can consult. To learn more, call the information specialist at these telephone numbers:

Atlanta, GA	404-730-3833
Boston, MA	617-424-0510
Charlotte, NC	704-344-6144
Chicago, IL	708-562-1740
Dallas, TX	214-640-4470
Denver, CO	303-969-7750
Detroit, MI	313-259-1875
Kansas City, KS	913-551-6711
Los Angeles, CA	818-904-6339
New York, NY	212-264-4730
Philadelphia, PA	215-597-8313
Seattle, WA	206-728-5314

Other Useful Numbers

Age, Proof of	812-218-3046
Agriculture	800-523-3215
Business	301-457-2668
Catalog and Guide	301-457-1204
Census and You	301-457-2822
Construction	301-457-4602
County and City Data Book	301-457-1166
County Business Patterns	301-457-2580
Foreign Trade	301-457-3041
Governments	301-457-1489
Housing Census	301-763-8553
Housing Survey	301-763-8551
Internet	301-457-1242
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Manufacturing	301-457-4587
Population	301-457-2422
Press Releases	301-457-2800
State Data Center Program	301-457-1305
Statistical Abstract	301-457-1171
TIGER Products	301-457-1128
Training	301-457-1305

For a complete telephone contacts list, phone 301-457-4100. Or go to this Internet address— <http://www.census.gov/contacts/www/contacts.html>.

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special handling: 301-457-4100

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(Daytime phone including area code)
(Date)

Mail to: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census,
P.O. Box 277943, Atlanta, GA 30384-7943.

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